

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

-MINUTES-

NOVEMBER 14, 2014

The Regular Meeting of November 14, 2014 was called to order by Chairman Larry Vallieres at 8:32 AM in Room 126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: Laurence A. Vallieres, Contractor, Chairman
Ronald Bish, Contractor
Faith Gavin-Kuhn, Public Member
Frank Halloran, Journeyman
Anthony Soter, Journeyman
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

Members Absent: David Munsill, Journeyman
Sandy Marino, Public Member
Bruce A. Silva, Unlimited Journeyman

Member Vacancies: One (1) Non-Union Contractor
Two (2) Public Members

DCP Staff: Robert M. Kuzmich, Department of Consumer Protection

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Others Present: Charles Fries, Red Wing Electric
Kenneth Martone,, Brookside Electric
Doug Emenecker, J.J. White

Justin Sessa, Kurker Electric, Inc.
Kent Grimsley, First Hartford, Realty
Kresimir Pavelko, M.J. Daly
Robert Woytowich
Paul Costelo, JATC, Local 90
Ken Duff, Department of Labor
Andre Cole, Elmhurst Electric
Robert Presho, IBEW, Local 7
Anthony Riscolo,
Nicholas Haddad, C.A. Senecal Electric

1. 8:30 AM call to order. (Reminder to everyone to place their cell phones on silent”).

Mr. Vallieres called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM.

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A. Review minutes of meetings of the October 10, 2014.

After a thorough review by all, the Board voted to approve the *October 10, 2014* minutes as submitted. (Bish/Soter) It is note that Mr. Halloran abstained from the vote since he was not present at this meeting

3. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:

No one scheduled before the Board today. In addition, there were no additional requests from anyone present at today’s meeting.

4. Report from Trade Practice Division: for review by the Board.

The Trade Practices Division gave the Board three reports covering open complaints, open complaints with DBA’s listed and closed complaints. All reports covered the time period between October 7, 2010 through November 12, 2014. Mr. Vallieres and the Board reviewed these reports and thanked the Department for their efforts. He commented that the reports were good and incorporated requests the Board had made last year

5. Appearing before the Board at the Board's Request;

(1) **Haddad, Nicholas T.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to table this application at their October 10, 2014 Meeting pending receipt of notarized documents substantiating his related classroom instruction hours and copies of his application sent to the testing company which he did not give the Board at this meeting. The Board asked the applicant to return on November 14, 2014 with the above referenced documentation. The applicant presented notarized documents substantiating his related classroom instruction hours and copies of his application sent to the testing company as requested by the Board previously. As such, the Board voted unanimously to approve his application for the E-2 license examination. (Halloran/Soter)

6. Request to Appear before the Board;

(1) **Pavelko, Kresimir** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted, unanimously, to table this application pending receipt of an OSHA 30 card. The applicant has contacted the Department to come before the Board today with his completed application including the OSHA 30 card. The applicant presented the Board with his OSHA 30 Card documentation. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application for the L-6 license examination. (Soter/Halloran)

7. Review of Applications(s) for Licensure Examination: applicant(s) appearing in person.

Mr. Vallieres advised all in attendance at today's meeting of the Board general rules and guidelines as they apply to applicants appearing before them for consideration to sit for their respective license examinations. He made reference to the document sent to all applicants by the Department which details specific information the Board is expecting from the applicants in support of their equivalent experience and training in addition to other more general information.

In addition, Mr. Vallieres also made reference to the Board's Outline for Journeypersons which gives the specific hours for related classroom instruction including course curriculums and the required on-the-job training hours for each license type.

(1) **Cole, Andre O.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant changed his application type from an E-1 to an E-2 per the Board's recommendation at today's meeting. The Board voted, unanimously, to table this application pending receipt of a detailed breakdown of the applicant's apprenticeship curriculum from New York State, complete documentation

of his related classroom instruction courses, and official verification of all his on-the-job training hours from his past and present employers. (Halloran/Soter)

Mr. Ken Duff from the Connecticut Department of Labor stated that all current apprentices are required to have an OSHA 30 Card as required by the Department of Education and the Apprenticeship Training Office. Mr. Duff clarified for Mr. Halloran and the Board that this became a requirement of their Offices on September 1, 2013 and thereafter. Mr. Vallieres stated that prior to this date; safety training was 36 hours by course content and was outdated and incomplete. OSHA provides more comprehensive training that better complies with the needs of the industry. Therefore, this became the new requirement for apprenticeship training.

(2) **Eifling, Ken W.** - C-7 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today's meeting as previously requested by them. Therefore, the Board took no action on this application.

(3) **Emenecker, Douglas R.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant changed his examination application type at today's meeting per the suggestion of the Board from an E-1 to an E-2. The Board approved the applicant for the E-2 examination type. (Halloran/Soter).

(4) **Fries, Charles G.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant changed his examination application type at today's meeting per the recommendation of the Board from an E-1 type to an E-2 type. The Board denied the application for the E-2 license examination based upon a lack of related classroom instruction hours. (Soter/Halloran)

(5) **Grimsley, Kent J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board denied the application for the E-2 license examination based upon a lack of related classroom instruction hours. (Soter/Halloran)

(6) **Manfredo, Paul G.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today's meeting as previously requested by them. Therefore, the Board took no action on this application.

(7) **Martone, Kenneth G.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today's meeting as previously requested by them. Therefore, the Board took no action on this application.

(8) **Nadeau, Keith** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today's meeting as previously requested by them. Therefore, the Board took no action on this application.

(9) **Presho, Jr., Robert A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board approved the applicant for the E-2 license examination. (Soter/Halloran)

(10) **Remetta, Lawrence** – C-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant called the Department prior to today’s meeting to inform the Board that he cannot appear before them today and requested to be rescheduled to a future date.

(11) **Riscolo, Anthony G.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to deny this application based a lack of proof of the required related classroom instruction hours. (Halloran/Soter)

(12) **Sessa, Justin K.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to deny this application based upon a lack of proof of the required on-the-job training hours. (Halloran/Soter)

(13) **Weissert, Matthew J.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The applicant was not present at today’s meeting as previously requested by them. Therefore, the Board took no action on this application.

7A. First Review of Application(s) for Licensure Examination – Applicants Not Appearing before Board.

With Apprenticeship Completion Letters:

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the applicants listed below (including add-ons), except as otherwise noted, to sit for their respective examinations on the basis of a Certified Apprenticeship Completion Letter from the Connecticut Department of Labor or other Board-Approved Agency. (Bish/Soter)

(1) **Anderson, Christopher R.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(2) **Blicharz, Andrzej J.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(3) **Bonini, Joseph R.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(4) **Borst, Jr., Joseph C.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

- (5) **Boudreau, Jeffrey W.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (6) **Brancifort, Tyler J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (7) **Brandon, Econal T.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (8) **Casey, Joshua H.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (9) **Criscuolo, Greg R.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (10) **Eye, Michael** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (11) **Fiasconaro, Christopher D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (12) **Gallo, Nicholas D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (13) **Gannon, Brian L.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (14) **Golino, Jared R.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (15) **Guerreo-Alas, Roberto C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (16) **Hing, Christopher C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (17) **Huntley, Sean S.** - PV-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (18) **Karpinski, Christopher J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (19) **Lockwood, Amil C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(20) **Martin, IV, William C.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(21) **Mascolo, Alfonso** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(22) **Ocasio, Justin M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(23) **Parent, Scott** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(24) **Peralta, Francis R.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(25) **Perugini, Patrick F.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(26) **Richerson, Louis A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(27) **Shurleff, Michael C.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

On The Basis of Equivalent Experience and Training:

The Board voted, unanimously, to require the applicants listed below, except as otherwise noted, (including add-ons) to appear before them at their December 12, 2014 Regular Meeting for review of their applications to test for their respective license types. Mr. Kuzmich will mail back their original applications in addition to Board Meeting Date information and information regarding education and on-the-job training for Journeyman license types. (Soter/Bish)

(1) **Adams, Michael P.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(2) **Coelho, David M.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(3) **Dejordy, Kenneth J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(4) **DeCaro, Giovanni S.** – C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to table his application for the C-6 License Examination pending receipt by the Department of an OSHA 10 or 30 Card valid within the last five years. Upon receipt of this Card by the Department, the applicant will be authorized to sit for the C-6 License Examination.

(5) **Dumas, Jared M.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(6) **Gagnon, Nathan P.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(7) **Hattaway, Clint E.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(8) **Himel, Jr., Rene J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(9) **Kashi, Benjamin B.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(10) **Mullis, Randy L.** – L-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(11) **Pacheco, Gilliard A.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(12) **Pereira, Manuel J.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(13) **Perry, Joshua J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

The Board voted, unanimously, at today's meeting to add the following applications to their November 14, 2014 Regular Meeting Agenda:

(1) **Bareiss, Robert** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to deny this application based upon the applicant's lack of related classroom instruction hours. (Soter/Yusza) In addition, the Department of Consumer Protection will issue the applicant a Trainee Card.

(2) **Kelly, David** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve the applicant's application subject to receipt by the Department of an OSHA 30 card. (Soter/Yusza)

(3) **Nyszczyc, Daniel J.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve the applicant's application subject to receipt by the Department of an OSHA 30 card. (Soter/Yusza)

(4) **Stone, Brian P.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to deny this application based upon the applicant's lack of related classroom instruction hours. (Soter/Yusza) In addition, the Department of Consumer Protection will issue the applicant a Trainee Card.

(5) **Stone, Kevin** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve the applicant's application subject to receipt by the Department of an OSHA 30 card. (Soter/Yusza)

(6) **Tardif, Jr., Paul A.** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to deny this application based upon the applicant's lack of related classroom instruction hours. (Soter/Yusza) In addition, the Department of Consumer Protection will issue the applicant a Trainee Card.

8. Review of Correspondence:

(A) Evaluation Forms For Continuing Education Course; for the Board's review and information. The Board reviewed this information and thanked the Department for the same.

9. Old Business:

(A) Matter concerning Mr. Kostas Proskinitopoulos, E-1 license holder, relative to the application of Mr. Eduart Boci for the E-2 Unlimited Electrical Journeyperson's License Examination. Mr. Vallieres reviewed this matter in brief for the Board. He noted that he has spoken with Mr. Hurlburt who, in turn, spoke with the Department's Legal Division. Mr. Vallieres informed the Board that because they, in essence, have pre-heard this case, they would have to recuse themselves from participating in a formal hearing should this matter come to such a conclusion. As such, Mr. Vallieres stated that the Department has entered into an Assurance of Voluntary Compliance with Mr. Proskinitopoulos.

Mr. Vallieres stated some of the details of the Agreement including a civil penalty of \$250.00, a probationary period of six months starting November 14, 2014, and the mandate that Mr. Proskinitopoulos must submit a list of jobs in this State where he is performing work every month to the Department including payroll records.

Mr. Hurlburt stated that he approached the Department's Legal Division and suggested that they issue the Assurance of Voluntary Compliance directly in an effort to expedite this matter and to ease some of the burden already placed on the Department's Trade Practices Division with their current caseload. The Legal Department agreed to use this matter as a prototype for possible use in the future on other cases.

(B) Letter from Mr. Ray S. Kuhn dated November 12, 2014; the Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve his application for the E-2 license examination at their October 10, 2014 Regular Meeting pending receipt by the Department of a notarized letter from Mr. Ray Menzio from the Connecticut Department of Education stating that the applicant's related classroom instruction meets the requirements of the E-2 curriculum as it pertains to the same.

Mr. Kuhn's letter states that he has made several attempts to contact Mr. Menzio without success and is, therefore, asking the Board to reconsider their previous mandate in recognition of him not being able to contact Mr. Menzio. The Board noted that the format of Mr. Menzio's previous correspondence to Mr. Kuhn regarding his related classroom instruction courses for the E-2 license type is not in typical Department of Education format and could very well not be legitimate. As such, the Board is not changing their previous ruling and instructed Mr. Kuzmich to communicate this directive to Mr. Kuhn.

10. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today:

No one scheduled before the Board today. In addition, there were no additional requests from anyone present at today's meeting.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 AM. (Soter) The next Regular Meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, December 12, 2014 at 8:30 AM; State Office Building; Room 126; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
License and Applications Specialist